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Charter School Teacher Accused of Sexually Abusing Students Pleads

A former technology teacher at a Los Angeles charter school accused of sexually abusing students pleaded no contest today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Bradley Roberts of the Compton Branch Office said Juan Ramon Cardoza, 56, of Downey pleaded to two felony counts of lewd act upon a child.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Eleanor Hunter is expected to sentence the defendant on Feb. 20, 2014, in Department G of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, the defendant is expected to be sentenced to up to two years in state prison and will be required to register as a sex offender for life.

Additionally, Cardoza will be expected to pay restitution to the victims.

The two victims were 14 and under. The alleged abuse occurred between October 1, 2012, and March 11, 2013, at the school.

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